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This memo is public comment about the Microsoft Litigation.

The Microsoft Litigation should be settled. The terms are fair. All states and parties excluded from the settlement should be brought in by this Court - to avoid a multiplicity of litigation.

As seen in today's Cleveland Plain Dealer, Microsoft will now focus much of its resources on security. Security is to assist all who have Microsoft products.

Get this Microsoft litigation behind us, or it will look like every time a company is successful, the government has to step in, to pull such company down in some manner.

The goal of protracted litigation is damage to the defendant, through the costs of such defense. Here we have the limitless assets of the U. S. government against one company for years of litigation. If such was your goal it has been achieved.

If the goal was to get Bill Gates out of the day to day running of the corporation, such goal has been achieved.

If the goal was to publicly humiliate and bring to public attention one company that was too successful, such goal has been achieved.

The goal of public litigation should be clear, spelled out for the defendant and for members of the public at large who pay for such litigation. No one knows the government goals at this time, as all the original goals have been achieved.

Enough is enough. As a fair and impartial Court would say, "Would the attorney for the government please move on."

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